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APPLICATION ELEMENTS

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

1. Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17)
(Submit an original and a duplicate for fee processing)

2. Applicant claims small entity status.
See 37 CFR 1.27.

3. Specification [Total Pages 10]
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- Descriptive title of the invention
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- Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D
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- Background of the Invention
- Brief Summary of the Invention
- Brief Description of the Drawings *(if filed)*
- Detailed Description
- Claim(s)
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4. Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. 113) [Total Sheets 5]

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6. Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76

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a. Computer Readable Form (CRF)

b. Specification Sequence Listing on:

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- ii. paper

c. Statements verifying identity of above copies

ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS

9. Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))

10. 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement Power of Attorney *(when there is an assignee)*

11. English Translation Document *(if applicable)*

12. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 Copies of IDS Citations

13. Preliminary Amendment

14. Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503) *(Should be specifically itemized)*

15. Certified Copy of Priority Document(s) *(if foreign priority is claimed)*

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Dear Sir or Madam:

Enclosed for filing are the following documents:

1. Utility Patent Application Transmittal Sheet (PTO/SB/05);
2. United States Utility Patent Application (Specification, Claims, Abstract) (10 sheets);
3. Drawings (5 sheets);
4. Information Disclosure Statement and copies of 16 references;
5. Acknowledgment Post Card.

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